



# Thru the Bible in 2012

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8*

## Ladies for Jesus Thursday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for August 24, 2012 – August 30, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, August 30, 2012

### The Certainty of True Prophecy

*A Strange Request* (Hosea)

What did God ask Hosea to do? Why?

The request God made of Hosea had a purpose for God to illustrate His love for His sinful people. There are things in our lives that God asks us to do that not only aids in our own spiritual growth, but the growth of God's people as a whole. Can you think of a time God allowed you to go through something that ended up being more beneficial to you and others spiritually than you originally had thought?

*A bitter Vineyard* (Read Isaiah 5:1-7)

Who is the planter of the vineyard and what did He expect? What did He get?

How did He provide for the vineyard? Could He have done more?

Why were the grapes bitter? Was it because of the vinedresser?

Throughout Scripture we see the example of the vineyard being used a lot. This example is used because it was prevalent in the lives of those it was being spoken to. The lesson of the vineyard in Isaiah 5:1-7 shows that God had planned for the Israelites and us today to bear fruit. Even though we are a part of God's people our sinful actions can bear bad fruit. Have you examined your own "fruit" lately? Is it good or bad – useful or wild?

***The beginning “proof” of Isaiah’s Prophetic Ministry (Isaiah 16:13-14)***

Tiglath-pileser III invaded Moab in 732 B.C.; Sennacherib invaded Moab the same year that he invaded Judah, 701 B.C. The earlier event occurred three years after Isaiah’s prediction, marking Isaiah as a true prophet. In these events, the people of Israel saw prophecy fulfilled before their very eyes.

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| In what ways have you looked for God’s prophetic Word to come true? |
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***The Fallen One (Isaiah 14:12-14-14)***

There are several interpretations for the fallen one in these verses.

1. He is Satan, because the person here is too powerful to be any human king. Although Satan may fit verses 12-14, he does not fit well with the rest of the chapter.
2. This could be Sennacherib or Nebuchadnezzar, kings with supreme power. There people looked upon them as gods. These kings wanted to rule the world.
3. This could refer to both Satan and a great human king, possibly Nebuchadnezzar, because Babylon is pictured as the seat of evil in Revelation 17-18. Pride was Satan’s sin as well as Babylon’s. Common to all three viewpoints is the truth that pride willfully opposes God and will result in judgment. Israel made the mistake of being too proud to depend on God, and we are vulnerable to that same mistake.